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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☐ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1 - 6 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* 7 - 8 received by this Authority on 31.01.2005
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- pages 1 - 3 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | <u>1-8</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | <u>1-8</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | <u>1-8</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: WO0057985 A

D2: WO9110493 A

D3: WO0172642 A

D4: DE2315615 A

D1 describes a portable device for filtering water, comprising a container and a movable filter connected by an operating rod and sealing organs.

D2 describes a cylindrical filter comprising a carbon filter surrounded by a polypropylene wrap.

D3 describes a silver-containing solution for anti-bacterial coating of objects.

D4: describes a water filter with an active-carbon-filled labyrinth.

The cited documents represent the general state of the art. The invention defined in claims 1-8 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed water filtering device with a filter element having a labyrinth function and with means for emitting silver ions. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-8 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

Claims

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1. Water filter device, said device comprising a container (1; 101) that has an opening for filling of water, and a filter unit (3; 103) that is movable relative to the container (1; 101), that the filter unit (3; 103) comprises a filter element (5; 105), an operating rod (7; 107) connected to the filter element (5; 105) and sealing means (14; 116) along the periphery of the filter element (5; 105), that the filter element (5; 105) comprises a particle filter (10; 110) and an adsorption filter (11; 111), and that in connection with the operating rod (7; 107) means are provided for emitting silver ions, characterized in that the filter element (105) has a labyrinth function.
2. Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the operating rod (7; 107) is coated with an agent that emits silver ions.
3. Device according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the filter element (5; 105) generally is disc shaped, and that the operating rod (7; 107) generally extends perpendicular to the filter element (5; 105).
4. Device according to any of the previous claims, characterized in that the filter material in the particle filter (10; 110) constitutes polypropylene.
5. Device according to any of the previous claims, characterized in that the filter material in the adsorption filter (11; 111) constitutes active carbon.
6. Device according to any of the previous claims, characterized in that a partition (118) is provided in the adsorption filter (111), said partition (118) extending transverse to the longitudinal direction of the operating rod (107).

7. Device according to claim 6, characterized in that the partition is in the shape of a circular disc (118) with a smaller diameter than the filter element (105).

5 8. Device according to any of the previous claims, characterized in that the sealing means (14; 114) comprises a tongue (16; 116), whose free end in active position abuts the inner side of the container (1; 101).